

REMARKS

Claim Objections

The Examiner objected to Claim 13. Claim 13 has been canceled.

The Examiner objected to Claim 17. Claim 17 has been canceled.

Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. § 102(e)

The Examiner rejected Claims 12 and 14 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as anticipated by United States Patent No. 6,571,117, to Marbach. Claims 12 and 14 have been canceled.

The Examiner rejected Claim 17 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as anticipated by United States Patent No. 6,483,641, to MacAulay. Claim 17 has been canceled.

CONCLUSION

Applicants believe that the amendments and remarks set forth in this paper place this Application in a condition for allowance and such action is respectfully requested at an early date. If the Examiner believes that personal communication will expedite the prosecution of this Application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the Applicants' undersigned attorney directly.

Respectfully submitted,



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